

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 228

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to announce and extend invitations to the House Homecoming.

WHEREAS, homecomings are an integral part of our society, as they provide golden opportunities for people to celebrate their heritage while re-establishing their roots; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Volunteer State, who are always ready, willing, and able to support a good cause, are especially fond of homecomings and the good fellowship and fun that result from this quintessential form of Southern hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's elected officials are no exception to the rule, and the Honorable Beth Harwell, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has recently envisioned and organized an event to bring current and former legislators together to reconnect as colleagues and friends; and

WHEREAS, on April 17th, 2012, at the Ellington Agricultural Center in Nashville, Speaker Harwell and the members of the Tennessee House of Representatives will proudly host the House Homecoming, with all former and present General Assembly members, Tennessee's federal, state, and other elected officials, and all other interested parties invited to attend; and

WHEREAS, the House Homecoming will be a bi-partisan event, as both sides of the aisle set aside their political differences to celebrate their unity as fellow servants of the people; and

WHEREAS, political yarns will fill the air at Ellington as former members from Mountain City to Memphis once again converge on Nashville to remind current members that no matter how much our world changes, the respect and fellowship shared by Tennessee's legislators will always endure; and

WHEREAS, home is where the heart is, and thus the Ellington Agricultural Center will serve as the interim home for the Tennessee House of Representatives and its extended legislative family on April 17th, 2012; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize the upcoming House Homecoming and most cordially invite all past and present members of the General Assembly, Tennessee's present and former elected officials representing all levels of government, and all other participants in and aficionados of the legislative process to join us for this fun-filled and collegial event celebrating the historic brotherhood and sisterhood of the Tennessee House of Representatives and our legislative family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this House that the 2012 House Homecoming should be the first annual event of many more such celebrations in the years to come.